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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Information Resources

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Deputy Director for Senate Affairs  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT

: Congressional appreciation of CIA Map Library

Congressional staffers frequently express their appreciation for maps we provide and comment on the consistently excellent quality of Agency maps. We frequently hear that Members and staff prefer to use our maps to those prepared by other agencies and private mapmakers because "they are more intelligent, they clearly display the required information, and are not cluttered with extraneous detail." We are told Members are delighted with our maps, especially when current events require specific knowledge of certain areas, as in the present Persian Gulf situation. When unclassified maps are supplied to Members as part of a briefing package, they are frequently taken from the briefing book and retained by the Members. It is also not unusual for staffers to call us requesting replacement maps since their Congressmen took ones we had provided.

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Almost all staffers are especially pleased with the speedy response to their requests for maps. They really like the fact that all they have to do is call without follow-up paperwork. To this end I would like to express my appreciation of the service rendered by the Map Library, especially [redacted] who has been very helpful in responding rapidly to these requests. [redacted] has always been happy to see to it that necessary maps were available well in advance of deadlines. He has also been willing to take the time to get extra information for any particularly specific request that Congress may task us with. Support from people like [redacted] make it possible for the Agency to respond to the numerous requests from Congress, with the "as soon as possible" deadline.

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